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## State Ethics Agency Names New Chief of Enforcement

The Fair Political Practices Commission, the independent state agency charged with investigating violations of campaign finance laws, today announced the appointment of Amanda Saxton as the new chief of the commission's enforcement division.

"Amanda's thorough knowledge of the Political Reform Act and strong work ethic will help bring timely resolution to enforcement actions," said FPPC Chairman Ross Johnson. "Amanda is a dedicated and highly respected attorney. We're delighted to have her aboard!"

Saxton has been with the FPPC's enforcement division since 2005, serving as senior counsel and interim chief. Prior to joining the agency she developed her expertise in the Political Reform Act, governmental ethics laws and election law, at the state Legislative Counsel Bureau.

When asked about her appointment Saxton commented, "It is an honor to serve the people of California in this new role. The enforcement division is staffed by such a dedicated group, and under the leadership of our Chairman we will continue our work to ensure the integrity of California's democratic process and will endeavor to expose and prosecute the most egregious violations of the law through the Chairman's newly formed special task force."

A Sacramento native, Saxton graduated from McClatchy high school before earning her undergraduate degree in history, with honors, from U.C. Santa Cruz. Saxton went on to receive her law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, graduating with great distinction, Order of the Coif. While at McGeorge, she was a staff writer for the *Pacific Law Journal* and the assistant articles editor for *The Transnational Lawyer*.

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